Welcome to St Joseph's Parish Hawera Newsletter

ALL FOR GOD
TE KATOA MO TE ARIKI

All Saints Day
1 November 2026

Weekend Mass Time

Saturday Vigil 5pm
Sunday Mass 9am

Weekday Mass Timetable

Monday 9.30Mass in Patea All Souls
Monday 5.30pm Mass All Souls
Tuesday 12noon Mass
Wednesday 9am Mass
Thursday 9am Mass
Friday 9am Mass
Adoration Tuesday 11.30am

Reconciliation Every Saturday at 4.30 pm or by appointment with Fr Vince.

Hoani Papita 1 November 11am

Ministry Rosters for November & December have been emailed out.

There are hard copies available in the foyer.

Grateful thanks to those who fulfill our ministries each week. Please contact the office if you would like to join a ministry.

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ALL SAINTS On the Solemnity of All Saints, we honour and ask the intercession of all the members of the Church who enjoy the beatific vision of God in heaven. They are a great cloud of witnesses who ran the race with perseverance and now enjoy the unfading crown of glory.

When we speak of saints, we usually refer to those with a capital 'S'- those already beatified and canonized. But the majority of those in heaven are those who answered the Lord's call to holiness, each in his or her own way. We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do, wherever we find ourselves.

Pope Francis notes there can be any number of theories about what constitutes holiness, nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus' words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Jesus explained this with great simplicity when he gave us the Beatitudes. Extracts taken from Gods Word 2026Abridged©

The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ALL SOULS DAY Mass to be celebrated this Monday at 5.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to bring photos of your loved ones to be remembered during this Mass.

Following the Mass we will head to the Hawera Cemetery for a short service to remember those who have passed away.

YOUR INVITED TO

Parish AGM
Sunday 15th November after Mass
Please send your ministry reports to the office by this Thursday 6th November.

Church Building Update

Following on from the Sunday Presentation a couple of weeks ago, a collection of photos are on display in the foyer for parishioners to view, to get an Insite of the complexities we as a Parish are facing with our buildings.

St Vincent de Paul shop High Street is selling 2027 Columban Calendars for $13.00.

Society of St Vincent de Paul Hawera Tertiary Study Grant St Vincent de Paul Society, Hawera are offering Tertiary study grant for those first year students attending University or Polytechnic in 2027. Applicants should have attended St Joseph's Primary School or are members of the St Joseph's Parish. Application forms with criteria, are available from the St Vincent de Paul Shop, 234 High Street, Hawera and close on the 30th January 2027. Recipients will be notified in February.

Baptism Preparation for babies & preschoolers will be held on Saturday 7th November at 10 o'clock in the Church. Please enrol with the Parish Office. Dates for Baptisms are set after attending this course.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults meet Fridays at 6pm in the Parish Meeting Room.

Confirmation Meetings take place each Saturday after the 5pm Mass. Confirmation will be celebrated in our Parish on Sunday 29th November.

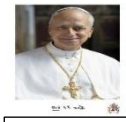
ANOINTING Please call Fr Vince 021 02287991

COMMUNION TO THE SICK If you are housebound or require Communion to the Sick, and are not on our regular list, please contact the, Dorothea Henry ph 2784895 or the Parish Office Ph 2785656

PRAYER CIRCLE | If you wish for prayers for a special intention call or text Sue our Prayer Circle Co-ordinator 021 265 3542 .

Leadership Notice

Next weekend, we will be sharing a short video of some of the ministries that we have in our parish and why these people chose to do their chosen ministry.



We ask for your continued prayers for Pope Leo.

WHANGANUI SACRED HEART OLD GIRLS AND PAST PUPILS OF SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH
It is with regret and due to unforeseen circumstances that our 'Finger food luncheon' that is normally held around about this time of the year has had to be cancelled for 2026.
So we hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year and we will see you in again 2027. Take care LINDA & COLLEEN

BISHOPS' ELECTION STATEMENT
As the General Election nears, Catholics are encouraged to read the bishops' 2026 election statement, *Discerning our nation's future through a Gospel lens.* It invites Catholics and people of good will to consider voting as a moral and civic responsibility, not just a matter of personal preference. The bishops urge people to consider how they will cast their votes by reviewing candidates' and parties' positions across a range of key issues, and they also encourage people to pray for the country. Access the election statement at: https://bit.ly/NZCBCElection26

For those who have Died: We remember those who have died recently, especially Lincoln McCrea, and in last 5 years in November : Patricia Spurdle, Rosemary Stevenson, George Saxton, Michael Clegg, Evelyn Curtin.

Eternal Rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Dung (Zung) Manh Phan
Bishop John Adams and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to announce the forthcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Dung (Zung) Manh Phan, **11am on Saturday 21 November 2026,** at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

Thanksgiving Mass for the Closure of St Joseph's School, Patea
All are welcome to attend the Thanksgiving Mass marking the closure of St Joseph's School, Patea, on **Saturday 12 December 2026, 10.30am,** at St Patrick's Church, 27 Egmont Street, Patea.
The Mass will be followed by a light lunch at St Joseph's School. For catering purposes, please RSVP with numbers attending to stpatspatea@xtra.co.nz by **Thursday 1 December.**

Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College Enrolment for 2027
Te Kupenga Catholic Theological College is now accepting enrolments for Semester One 2027. If you are a Catholic school teacher, preparing for ministry, seeking academic formation, or wanting to grow in understanding of the Catholic faith, CTC offers opportunities to learn and engage with Theology in a supportive environment. Go to www.ctc.ac.nz for more information.

Why not make time for your marriage in 2027? Join Dan and Stephanie Burke for a special weekend of prayer, reconnection and renewal in at the Divine Intimacy Marriage Retreat in Palmerston North, 22–24 January 2027. Find out more and register: https://divineintimacy2027.netlify.app/